

**Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4).

Dated: 24 November 2008 Signature: /ALLEN E. WHITE/  
(Allen E. White)

Docket No.: HO-P03493US0  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Mrugesh Shah

Application No.: 10/776,711

Confirmation No.: 3444

Filed: February 12, 2004

Art Unit: 1637

For: Microbiological Method for Producing Petroleum  
Hydrocarbons from Solid Fossil Fuels Oil Tars  
and Products of Biological

Examiner: M. Staples

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment dated 21 November 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.